Weekly-One Dollar per Year

Come in to-day and order The Democrat sent to some absent one. It will be a Christmas remembrance 52 weeks in the year. Get busy.

So Far As the Caucus Nomina tion of His Party for the Job Is Concerned.

A telegram from Columbus reached The Democrat at 4:15 last evening from L. Heath Vining, youngest son of Samuel J. Vining, containing the words: "Dad elected first ballot."

This was followed at 6:22 by another from Ed F. Romer reiterating Mr. Vining's selection as the caucus nominee of the Democratic party for Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives at a meeting at Columbus yesterday, and also of the selection of Charles W. Kempel, of Summit County, as Clerk of the House, and ex-Sheriff Wm.



HON, S. J. VINING. Democratic caucus nominee for Speak er of Ohio House of Representatives.

Melching, of Auglaize County, as Sergeant-at Arms. (It seems impossible to lose Auglaize 11, 1910. County.)

The news of the clean cut victory of Mr. Vining at Columbus the Democrats of Mercer County and our people in general with genuine satisfction.

What is more pleasing to his partisans and friends here is in this county: the straight-out and aboveboard fight he made for the coveted prize. He sought the Speakership for the honor that quarter of the southeast quarter of was in it and the good he might said, containing 20 acres of land, more accomplish for the people of the or less. State in the way of legislation by virtue of the confidence re- quarter of Section 13, same town and posed in him by his peers.

His confidence in himself is well illustrated in an incident of the leading candidates for the U. S. Senatorship approached Lots Numbers 286, 287, 290, 292, 293, alone taught by numbers, but by a him hoping to win him over to city of St. Marys. one side or the other and were frankly met with the rebuff that he was not to be tied to anybody's Senatorial chariot, and that if he reached the Speaker-quarter of Section 1, Town 6 south, taught by some nations chiefly for utilship, it would not be a Pomerene or Hanley victory, but a rods; thence west 100 rods; thence south 80 rods; thence west 100 rods to the place Vining victory. And that is of beginning, containing 50 acres of where we feel our oats out in this seat of Democracy unterrified and full thirty-six inches the Village of Celina, praying for an wide.

The Democratic members of the incoming Legislature have started off well.

They have given the people a Park. friend at court.

Let us give thanks.

Richard Boroff, aged 40 years, died his home he fell, breaking a hip. Since then his decline has been rapid. He is survived by his wife and five children. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning.

Benjamin Harden, aged 45 years, died of typhoid fever at his home at ret Weis. Ft. Recovery fast Saturday evening. He is survived by a wife and four at the Catholic church Wednesday price from \$1.50 to \$35.00, any of which

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Think this over, get busy and their journey on life's matrimonual give us a call.

They will be at home to their Newton Gray, of South Sugar street, give us a call. this city, three weeks old, died yesterday morning of catarrhal fever. The lege Church and interment in the cemetery adjoining.

Valuable Main Street Property Changes Hands

The lot and structures on the west side of Main street, near Livingston, the property of the late Rev. Dominic Shunk, was sold at executor's sale last Saturday for \$2,811, the purchasers be-ing Jos. Roemer, John M. Schlosser and John Dorsten. Rev. Shonk was paster of the local Catholic congregaon twelve or fourteen years ago, after ward being transferred to St. Henry.

DISBARRED FROM PRACTICE OF LAW

Russell L. Armstrong Found of Charges of Unprofessional Conduct.

A Lima dispatch of Wednesday says: ommon Pleas Judges Bailey, Cameron and Mathias, sitting as a commision, tonight found Attorney Russel L. Armstrong, son of former Judge Stephen A. Armstrong, of Celina, guilty of unprofessional conduct, inolving moral turpitude and misconduct in office.

Young Armstrong was tried by the commission last summer on five charges preferred by a Court of In-quiry named by Judge Klinger. The ecision tonight convicts him of the dist three, one charging the acceptance of \$1.125 from Ina L. Speer, at one time accused of poisoning her husband; another of making threats to Mrs. Speer that "he would send her over the road," and the third of plottng with the police to raid the home of

The commission disbarred Armdrong without a time limit. Armstrong is 32 years old, was a former West Pointer and had built up a good

Court Matters

Wm. Pumphrey vs. Willis Felver, E. J. Drake, the Gordon-Hauss-Folk to and The Celina Mortgage and Loan to, is a suit filed last Monday, in which pla nuff prays for judgment on promissory note in the sum of \$4.45 ith six per cent interest from April

Mary E. Harrod vs. John Hilbold, is suit to quiet title filed last Monday. question is described os follows: The south end of the west ide of the southwest quarter of Secyesterday will be received by tion 15, Town 15 north, Range 1 east, in Gibson township.

In the matter of the Ohio Eldership of the Churches of God, is a case filed last Tuesday in which the trustees of said corporation ask an order of the court to sell the following real estate

The northeast quarter of the north east quarter of Section 14, Town 5 south, Range 3 east, containing 40 scres of land, more or less.

Also the south half of the southeast

Also the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest range aforesaid, containing ten acres of land, more or less.

Dye Sunderland vs. Bertha Sunderone of his chief assets and is land, is a suit in divorce filed last Monday, in which plaintiff charges gross neglect of duty; and besides askof only a few days since, when ing for divorce, prays for the custody of their four children, and that the defendant be barred of her right of dow-296 and 297 of the north addition of the

> Ebridge Enyart, is a suit filed last course of study until recently. saturday to set aside a deed of convey-ance to the following property, de-Range 1 east; thence north 80 rods; land more or less.

The Lake Erie & Western railroad company filed suit Wednesday against order of the court restraining the vil-lage from placing the city water mains under their tracks and across their right of way at the east end of Warren street, or the entrance to Mercelina

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Mrs. Lawrence Schunck was hostess to the G. and I. club last Tuesday evening. At progressive suchre Mrs. P. H. Schunck and Mrs. Philip Linn were awarded the favors.

at his home three miles north of Men- tained the Embroidery club at the township, were joined in hely wedlock. don, last Sunday evening, following a home of her sister, Mrs. A. Yunkes, lingering illness. Deceased was a sufferer with rheumatism, and three ing. The guests enjoyed a guessing weeks ago, while crossing a room in contest, which gave favors to Misses stitute held here Saturday, and was a

Miss Lucille Grothjan was hostess to the members of Anilec club at the jail marriage will come as a pleasant sur-residence last Friday evening. At prise to his follow teachers and musiresidence last Friday evening. progressive euchre prizes were awarded to Misses Beulah Desch and Marga-

W. A. J. MCDANIEL has a large as-Funeral services were held sortment of rocking chairs ranging in will make a nice X-may present. You never have too many rockers in the

The Democrat has a new high-grade funeral service, occur at Swamp Col- sewing machine that can be bought at a bargain. Would make an elegant Christmas present.



KING HOME THE TREE

At Their Bi-Monthty Meeting, and Have Byron W. King for a Short Talk.

[By Matilda Desch, Secretary.] The second bi-monthly meeting of the Mercer County Teachers' Association was held in the high school auditorium, on December 17. The meeting was called to order by Vice-P esident J. W. Pogue. S. Cotterman led in singing and devotional exercises. Music

Superintendent J. W. Wyant, of Bryan, O., gave an address on "Methods in Arithmetic as Determined by its

History.' In the teaching of arithmetic we have swung from one extreme to another. The old texts contained so much material that seemed useless from a business standpoint that a process of elimination has taken place. But are we eliminating too much? Arithmetic had been series of pictures, signs or symbols D. Hellwarth vs. Allen Enyart and study more than any other within our development of any subject is deter mined by the purpose, the what, and scribed to-wit : Commencing at the how, or, in other words, the task and itarian purposes, but it is now taught [Continued on fifth page,]

Guy J. Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, residing east of town, and Miss Louisa J. Dunifon were united in marriage by 'Squire Raudabaugh at his office Wednesday morn-

A very pretty wedding occurred a the home of Mrs. Letitia Griffin, or East Livingston street, at 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, Rev. L. Rice officiating, when Arland M. Copeland, young school teacher, and a son of Mr and Mrs. A. W. Copeland of Mendon, and Chloe E. Severns, daughter of Mr. Miss Edith Watson pleasantly enter- and Mrs. Joseph G. Severns of Union The bride looked very pretty in

beautiful gown of serge. The groom was in attendance at the teachers' inmember of the Mendon orchestra which furnished the music, and no doubt his cians. In fact, the wedding was planned partly to surprise and temporari-ly clude their many friends.

This worthy couple, coming from two of the prominent and substantial families of Union township, certainly begin their married life with prospects very encouraging. Their bost of friends join in wishing

friends after January 1 in Mendon. Photos that speak for themselves at the Booss Photo Shop.

Relentless Fate Follows

Hammond home, five miles northeast of Rockford, together with all the, ousehold goods, at an early hour Wednesday morning. Mr. Hammond has been hedfast with Bright's disease for the past couple months and was carried from the burning structure A defective flue caused the fire.

Half Score of People Meet Accidents

Henry Springer, of near Coldwat r, had the fingers of his right hand torn was rendered by the Mendon High terday, while shredding corn on his farm. He attempted to adjust a set screw. His thumb was badly torn, but It is believed it can be saved.

> Henry Brubes, of Rockford, will likely loose his entire left hand as the result of having it caught in the rolls of a corn shredder, while working for George Lillick on the Oliver Putman farm, north of Rockford. All but the thumb and first finger were torn completely off and these so badly mangled that is feared they can not be saved.

Arthur P. Dull, of Rockford, was seriously, if not fatally injured last Saturday afternoon, when he was caught between a heavily loaded wagon and a wall of the Rockford Milling Co.'s elevator and his chest crushed and collar bone broken. It is also feared he suffered internal injuries. Dall only recently escaped serious in jury when he was buried under severa. feet of corn in one of the elevator cribs.

Orlando Stump, of Rockford, an employe of the Lewis Bros. Lumber Co., had a finger of his left hand torn off when he caught it in a jointer last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Louis Alt, sr., and daughter, of Chattanooga, were bruised up but uckily escaped serious injury, when thrown from a buggy in a runaway Wednesday afternoon. Their horse-frightened at an automobile near the Ben Bacher home, upsetting the buggy

Melvin Graham, of Van Wort, firenan on a Cincinnati Northern through freight, had the palm of his right hand severely split between the third and borth fingers Wednesday morning. He was cleaning out the grate of his engine, while the train was sided here, when the accident happened.

Lowis Wurster, of Center Township, suffered a dislocation of his shoulder by a fall last Saturday. He was work-ing on a barn on his farm, when a scaffold gave way.

Sister Rose Nagleisen, one of the achers in the parochial schools at Ft. Recovery, suffered a fracture of the right arm at the elbow when she slipsed and fell last Sunday morning. She struck her head when she fell and was rendered unconscious.

Al Bair, of Center Township, fractured his right knee last Saturday morning. Mr. Bair is teacher of the Elm Grove school in Center Township, and was preparing to come to this city to attend the teachers institute when the accident happened. He has been teaching for the past twenty years and destroy desease germs, Dr. Bell's Antihas never before missed a day. Fred Pain is an antiseptic remedy for exter-Luiz will have charge of his school nal pains, is almost instantensus. Sold during the time be is laid up.

Deeply Afflicted Man BUUZE FACTORIES

Two Victories Won in Supreme Court for Washwomen and Neglected Children.

A Columbus dispatch of Tuesday ays: The Supreme court today gave two decisions that bring the tighter upon the sale of intoxicating liquors under the Rose county option aw. One was given in the case of Walter Schon vs. the State, coming up from the Tuscarawas county, and the other in the case of W. Hayner vs. the

State, Knox county.

In the first case the court holds in effect, that brewer operating in "dry" county cannot sell intoxicating liquors from his place of manufacture in quantities of one gallon or more to private residences in the county. In the other the court holds that it is

violation of the Rose county option law to solicit the sale of intoxicating iquors in a "dry" county by mail. company at Dayton, was arrested for sending letters into Knox county, which is "dry" under the Rose and, upon conviction, was fined \$300. This he will now have to pay

Farm Lands

Henry Freewald to Christ Hone, 40 acres, Liberty \$4200 John F. Shambaugh to F. P. Miller, 18 acres, Jefferson 8800 Geo. W. Bailey to Frank L. Strethold, 80 acres, Hutler rancis D. Krikpatrick to J. D. Prof-fitt, 30 acres, Hopewell W. Jackson to John F. Smith, 15 acres, Jefferson mma Regedanz to Clyde V. Grim, 4 acre, Laberty nere, Laberty
red Rabe to J. and W. Moorman, 80
acres, Washington
red Rabe to Josephine Moorman, 80
acres, Washington
heriff Mercer County to Joseph E.
Brush, #0 acres, Union
atharine Wucker to Bernard Wuebker, #0 acres, Granwille
laria D. Townsend to Ohio Eldership
of Unioreb of God, 70 acres, Center.
F. Betts to Mina E. Kimmel, 10
acres, Dublin 900 Vining to Frank V. Short, 5 acres, efferent Charles Regedanz 's Fred Heffner to Charles Regedanz 's acre, Liberty Richard R. Boroff to Elizabeth A. Bo-roff, 6x acress, Union Adam Kettenring to J. H. Fennig, 1-5 acres, Washington 2200: Town Property.

J. W. Hesser to Joshua R. Rauda-baugh, Lot 27, Mendon
Pa E. Wegner to Mary R. Gordon, Lot 81, Forest Heights, Celina
A. H. Romer to Frank J. Hoyng, Lot 250, Coldwater
Panac A. Hamilie to Ernest Bader Lot 2, Block 5, Citizens add., Celina.
Wm. Fetzer to Joseph Wimmers, Lot 205, Fetzer add., Coldwater
Raile M. Neuman to C. M. Page, Lot 87, Mendon 37. Mendon
Ames Jeffries to Joseph Buschor, Lots
7 and 10. Block 5. Macedon
Sfile C. McGough to A. R. Beckwith,
Lots 12 and 12. Rockford
George R. McDaniel to Joseph Faller,
Lot 2 Geo. R. McDaniel add., Becov-1500 500 1100 James S. Riley to Alvirda Barks, part Lot 29, Rockford Wm Fetser to Katharine Gray, Lot 232, Fetzers add., Coldwater.

Antiseptic Remedies

by all dealers.

Farm for Sale

The undersigned will sell at private sale but is known as the Mulberry farm, on guarter mile north of Wendelin, consisting quarter mile north of Wendelin, consisting of sixty-eight acres, mostly bottom land. New 7-room house with ceiler. Bank burn, 82x0; hog stanle and corn crib combined. 2xx0; hon house, 18x5c; cattle shed. 12x5c fine bearing young orchard 200 trees or more; 2 drilled wells, 1 90-barrel custern; near good school and church, Also three acres in northeast part of the village of 8t. Henry, Callon or address M. DEPWEG, Mulherry Farm, Ft. Herovery, O.

In "Call of the Wild," to Be New Year's Eve Treat at City Opera-House.

Manager Wagner has secured for the evening of December 31 a genuine New Year's treat for local theaterguers, when Franklin Woodruff will be seen in one of the most popular productions of the season, the "Call of the Wild," dramatized from Frederick Remington's famous novel, "John Er-mine of the Yellowstone." The play had wonderful runs in New York and

Who Will Enthuse Farmers at Two Days' Institute at Wabash Next Week.

Well Known Local Stockmen and Farmers Have Parts on the Program.

The Wabash farmers' institute will egin its two days meeting a week from to-day, the 30th and 31st, in the Wabash town hall, a very pleasant and commodious meeting place. The State lecturers are J. F. Gordon and Bert Smith, practical farmers. Well known local stockmen and farmers have been assigned places on the program, which is a varied and most in-

eresting one. It follows. Friday, morning session, 9 o'clock-

Address Prest. J. C. Snyder
Prayer—Music.
Needed Legislation and I aws. J. F. Gordon
The Needs of a Silo. Bert Smith
Song Hellwarth Quartet
The Draft Horse Sam Dixon
Discussion—Appointing Committees
Music—Query Box.

Afternoon session, 1 o'clock-

Music-Query Box.

Rotation of Urops J. F. Gordon
Duet Pearson Sisters
Affaifa Culture Bert Smith
Solo Mrs. Anna Ayers
Successful Breeding and Freding of
Hogs Geo. Incichen
Discussion-Music. Evening session, 7 o'clock-

Dairyman Bert Smith

Saturday, morning session, 90'clock: Music.

Afternoon session, I o'clock-Music—Query Box.

Report of Committees—Election of Officers
J. F. Gordon
Clover Boosts. Bert Smith
Farmers' Corn for the Corn Belt
George Ineichen
Music.

Evening session, 7 o'clock-Music Query Box.
Why the Boy Leaves the Farm B. A. Myers Songs and Declamation by the young folks.

Personal

-M. Depweg, of Mulberry farm, a few miles east of Ft. Recovery, was in town yesterday and left a notice for the sale of his fine farm. He is both-In the latter case Mr. Hayner, who ered more or less with rheumatism, is the head of the Hayner Brewing and should be dispose of his property will likely go to California.

> -Mr. and Mrs. Leander Cole, of Rockford, Route 4, made this office a pleasant call yesterday while down here shopping. They recently moved on a farm Mr. Cole bought some time since midway between Rockford and Mercer and are now at home to their friends.

-Ambrose Wertz, of Honolulu, Hawaii, spent last Friday at the homes of W. J. Machiman, Jos. Hinders, J. H. Wenning and J. K. Carlin, making a burry visit with friends while on his way home from a business visit at New York City. He was accompanied here by his mother-in-1700 law, Mrs. Jos. Meyer, of Ottawa.

-Our old friend John Now, of Route 9, was in yesterday to distribute a little advance Christmas cheer and did not forget The Democrat office, ordering the paper to his daughter, Mrs.

spending several months with his parents, Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Jos. Hinders, Dialogue Innocents Abroad Recitation—Counting Eggs. Oiga Pierstorff Tableau Surprising Grandma and Grandpa Song by the school Santa Is Coming his returning to Honolulu, Hawaii, [Santa appears] 1800 left last Sunday for Ottawa, where he his returning to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he again takes up his position as stenographer with the H. Hackfeld Co., the largest wholesale house on the \$1200 Islands. His mother spent the day with him, and saw him off on his long

journey at Lima Monday. the Golden State, and that Mercer Leander Cole County people in that section, without Our new fi exception, are prospering. Mr. Kubn's Mrs. Wm. Copeland, Jos. Tingley, Oihealth improved wonderfully during | iver Petro and Ora Howell, his stay there, and it was only his fam-175 liy's longing for their old home county that induced him to come back. He is soon be one of us again.

Booss can supply you.

Judge Dennis Dyer Bucks Proposed Road Improvement Without Result.

Last Friday Chas. Steineman et al. presented a petition to the Board pray-ing for the establishment of a county

road along the following route:

Beginning at a point on the Greenville Treaty Line, in Granville township, at the southeast corner of Section 34, and at the southwest corner of Section 35, in Town 7 south, Range 2 cast, at the southern terminus of the town-ship road between the lands of John Albers, of said Section 34, and of Casper Reier, in said Section 35, from such beginning point west to the section line between Sections 28 and 24, in Town 15 north, Range 2 east; thence south on said section line between said Sections 23 and 24, 26 and 25, in said Town 15 south, Range 2 east, to the southeast corner of said Section 26 and the southwest corner of said Section 25, on a public road known as the Ro-mer and Jones pike, and there ter-

minate. A motion was presented by Dennis Dwyer et al. asking for a dismissal of the petition, and same was overruled

by the board. The board then appointed George D. Lewis, Peter Fecker and Barney Berg-man as viewers and instructed them to meet with the surveyor at the beginning of said proposed improvement January 26 and proceed to discharge

the duties of their office. Andrew Brunswick presented his cond in the sum of \$2,000 for the faithful performance of his duties as Infirmary Director, and same was ac-

The following bills were allowed last Friday and payable on and after 21st:

1100 €0 hn Knox, compession and damhilip Linn, janitor's salary

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Pike Directors Meeting as a board of pike directors, the ommissioners allowed the following bills: Commissioners allowed the following bills:
Longmaker & Himes, gravel \$200 Hims
Bluffton Stone Co., crushed stone 1780 05
John W. Karch, same 1890 20
Cas. Arnett, supt. Birt and Wirling
pikes 67
Columbus Frysinger, supt. Frysinger
and Elenher pikes 25 61
Frank S. Beltinger, supt. Young pike, 25 00
L. T. Wildenhaus, supt. Brinkman
pike 17 40

SCHOOL DISTRICT 10

Under Supervision of Miss Emma Pierstorff, to Render Christmas Program.

A Chrismas entertainment will be given at the Liberty joint school district No. 10, at 7 o'clock sun time. The following program will be rendered: Song by the School Happy Greeting to All
Recitation—Welcome Ausdai Fast
Recitation—Christmas Eve Etta Murr
Recitation—Santa Claus Joe Shambaugh
Recitation—The Christ Child By five girls
Recitation—The Christ Child By five girls
Recitation—Luther's Oradle Hymn
By the Primary Children
Recitation—The Musle Viola Brough
Recitation—The Christmas Tree
Chioa Willrath
Recitation—The Christmas Tree
Alvers Alt

Wm. Copeland, at Lima, and his son Ora, residing on a route out of this city. They will have occasion to remember their "old dad" every week next year.

—Urban Hinders, who has been Recitation—Kris Kringle Earnes! Smith Recitation—Waking the Young Uns.

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—Urban Hinders, who has been Recitation—Kris Kringle Earnes! Smith Recitation—What Is a X-mas Tree?

Among Our Friends The following were among those to make renewals this week: B. B. Wilon, Wm. B. Wilkin, R. B. Morrison, -Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kuhn, who Yocum, Fred Harruff, Rev. H. N. went to Porterville, Cal., about nine Brobst, Ferd Dick, Rossell Albin, Dr. months ago, have returned to Mercer Stubbs, Chas. Geyer, Wm. Lutterbein. County again. Mr. Kubn, who paid Elza Huffman, B. L. May, E. L. May. The Democrat a visit the first of the Robt. Ports, Chas. D. Weist, Curtis week, comes back with an excellent Hall, J. A. Kuhn, Mrs. Sarah Clover, impression of that city and that part of E. H. Kelley, H. N. Nungester and

Our new friends are Orn E. Now.

We handle the Gunn sectional book that induced him to come back. He is cases, the best on the market. They now looking for a farm to rent and will have a solid appearance, no unsightly iron bands between the sections, and Photos are acceptable at Christmas. A. J. McANIEL's, a square south of the post-office, west side of Main street.